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SUBJECT: ALLEGED COMPLAINT BY GOM RE TREASURY INVESTIGATION

REF: BITTNER (ARA/MEX) - THOMPSON TELCONS JULY 6 AND 10.

1. IN REFERENCE TO AN ALLEGED COMPLAINT LODGED BY THE GOM REGARDING AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY TREASURY OFFICIALS IN MEXICO CITY AND JUAREZ THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED.

2. ON JULY 10, 1978 CUSREPS FERNANDO MACIAS AND GARY L. WRIGHT MET WITH LIC. ERNESTINA LUGO AND LIC. BASILIO GONZALEZ NUNEZ, SECRETARIA DE INDUSTRIA Y COMERCIO. THE LATTER STATED THAT THEIR OFFICE HAD RECEIVED A COMPLAINT FROM SR. ANTONIO GOMEZ, GENERAL MANAGER OF PRECISION MECANICA NACIONAL, S.A., TLALNEPANTLA, STATE OF MEXICO, CONCERNING TWO PERSONS FROM USCUSTOMS WHO HAD RECENTLY CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION AT HIS PREMISES. ACCORDING TO LIC. LUGO AND LIC. GONZALEZ THE COMPLAINT WAS RECEIVED BY SOMEONE IN THEIR DEPARTMENT IN THE FORM OF AN INFORMAL UNSIGNED NOTE AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED TO SECRETARIA DE INDUSTRIA Y COMERCIO ALONG WITH OTHER ROUTINE UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION. THERE WAS NO COMPLAINT ABOUT AN INVESTIGATION IN JUAREZ SINCE THEY STATED THAT THERE IS A TACIT AGREEMENT CONCERNING EITHER GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING INFORMAL INQUIRIES ALONG THE BORDER AREA.

3. ON JULY 10, 1978, CUSREP WRIGHT CONTACTED SR. GOMEZ OF PRECISION MECANICA, S.A., TO OBTAIN FURTHER

INFORMATION. SR. GOMEZ STATED THAT TWO PEOPLE FROM US CUSTOMS HAD INTERVIEWED HIM FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES MORE THAN A YEAR AGO RELATIVE TO COST DATA ON AUTOMOBILE HUBCAPS WHICH ARE EXPORTED TO THE US; THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF THE INVESTIGATORS BUT STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE AND CONGENIAL; AND, THAT HE HAS NEVER COMPLAINED TO ANYONE CONCERNING THE INTERVIEW NOR DID HE CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO DO SO. HE FURTHER STATED THAT SOMEONE WHOSE NAME HE CANNOT RECALL FROM LIC. LUGO'S OFFICE INTERVIEWED HIM SEVERAL WEEKS AGO ON ANOTHER MATTER AND HE CASUALLY MENTIONED THE ABOVE INTERVIEW BY USCUSOFFS. ACCORDING TO SR. GOMEZ THIS PERSON BECAME UPSET OVER THE INTERVIEW ALTHOUGH SR. GOMEZ TRIED TO REASSURE HIM THAT HE HAD CONSIDERED IT ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE.

4. ACCORDING TO THE FILES OF THIS OFFICE AN INTERVIEW OF SR. GOMEZ WAS CONDUCTED ON MARCH 30, 1977, BY TWO USCUSOFFS. THOSE OFFICIALS WERE DENNIS H. PALMER, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME ASSIGNED TO THIS EMBASSY AND ACCREDITED TO THE GOM, AND RICHARD E. LEW, ASSIGNED TO USCUS LAREDO, TEXAS, WHO WAS CLEARED FOR TDY BY THIS EMBASSY AT THAT TIME. THIS INQUIRY ORIGINATED AT USCUS LAREDO, TEXAS, AND WAS CONCERNED WITH APPRAISEMENT FOR DUTY PURPOSES OF AUTOMOBILE HUBCAPS IMPORTED BY NISSAN MEXICANA, S.A., MEXICO CITY. PRECISION MECANICA HAD BEEN SUB-CONTRACTED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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MANUFACTURE PART OF THE HUBCAPS WHICH WERE IMPORTED BY NISSAN. LUCEY

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